

REMARKS

This Amendment cancels claims 4-10; amends claim 1; and adds new claim 11. Support for the amendments to claim 1 and new claim 11 is found, for example, in Figs. 1, 2, 4 and 5 and in the specification at page 5, lines 32-36; page 6, lines 2-8; page 8, lines 31-34; page 11, lines 5-6; page 15, lines 11-15. Claims 1, 3 and 11 are now present in this application.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,693,134 to Stephens (hereinafter "Stephens"). In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a coated article comprising a glass substrate selected from a flat glass sheet or a glass ribbon and a copper oxide and manganese oxide coating over the substrate. The coating has a molar ratio of copper to manganese in the range of about 0.8 to 1.2 and a blue color in transmission.

As discussed on page 3 of the previous Decision On Appeal, Stephens is directed to interference pigments based on platelet-shaped substrates, such as glass flakes, coated with titanium dioxide and additionally oxidic compounds of copper and manganese. These pigments are incorporated into coating compositions. Stephens does not teach or suggest the article of claim 1 comprising a flat glass sheet or a glass ribbon having the claimed coating. Stephens is directed to pigments. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable over Stephens. Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and is believed patentable for the same reasons as claim 1.

New claim 11 depends from claim 1 and further limits the size of the substrate.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks,
reconsiderations of the rejections and allowance of all of claims 1, 3 and 11
are respectfully requested.

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